Assistance to FPIs in Southern States

405. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government extends financial assistance under the Plan Scheme for setting up Food Processing Industrial Units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of units extended financial assistance in Andhra Pradesh and other Southern States during the last four years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid under its Plan Schemes to Private Sector/Non-Government Organizations/Public Sector Undertakings/ Human Resource Development Organizations/Research & Development Institutions for the development of the processed food sector. The quantum of assistance varies from activity to activity.

(c) The relevant information is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(d) The financial assistance provided by the Ministry is expected to result in development of the sector.

Statement

Details of financial assistance extended to projects in Southern States for major schemes during the last four years

(Rs. in lakh)

State	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Andhra Pradesh	241.39	320.55	35.99	155.04
Karnataka	204.10	68.49	578.30	47.95
Kerala	334.10	233.10	344.50	389.90
Tamil Nadu	182.45	111.60	670.05	365.79